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APPLICATION NO.: 10/615,569

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TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
IMAGING OBJECTS WITH WAVE
FIELDS

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**PETITION FOR AN
UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED BENEFIT
CLAIM UNDER
37 CFR 1.78(a)3**

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent unintentionally failed to claim benefit to previously filed applications under 35 U.S.C. 120.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED BENEFIT
CLAIM UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)3.

Pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 1.78(a)3, this petition includes the following items:

1. REFERENCE: The above referenced patent claims benefit as a continuation to U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/024,035, filed on Dec. 17, 2001, now U.S. Patent No.

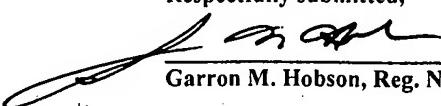
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I hereby certify that this paper or fee (along with any paper or fee referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 9, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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6,636,584, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/471,106, filed on Dec. 21, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,587,540, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/706,205, filed on Aug. 29, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/486,971, filed on June 22, 1995, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/961,768, filed on Oct. 14, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,588,032.

2. PETITION SURCHARGE:
\$ 1,370.00 (37 CFR 1.17(t)).
3. STATEMENT: The entire delay in claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)2 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.
4. AMENDMENT: Applicant has submitted a preliminary amendment to the specification which is enclosed herein.

DATED this 7 day of September, 2005.

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